

## HER PLACE WOMEN'S MUSEUM

EDUCATION/SECONDARY/DIANE WRIGHT

# DIANE WRIGHT

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### **Class grouping:**

whole class and small groups (preferably groups of three)

### **Time:**

60-90 minutes

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this activity is to introduce students to the achievements of Colac resident Diane Wright. Diane founded Anam Cara House, in both Geelong and Colac. The houses' facilities are designed for members of the ageing population who are unable to remain in their own homes. The aim of this lesson plan is for students to consider the needs of the elderly people in their community, and to design their own assisted living facility that supports residents and ensures they remain engaged within both the facility and their community. Students will gain a new appreciation of the needs of the ageing population.

The activities in this resource work well if you are able to provide group working spaces for the students in the classroom. Activity 2 works best in groups of three; however, you can have students working in pairs or groups of four if necessary. You might like to get students to present their work to the class and/or award prizes for the most considerate/creative designs.

### **Activities:**

- 1. Read and discuss *Colac Woman's Recognition for Community Care* <http://www.standard.net.au/story/1391443/colac-womans-recognition-for-community-care/>**
- 2. Students design their own aged care community facility and present to the class. Prizes recommended!**

## Preparation and Materials:

- Print copies of article for students
- Poster paper
- Scissors
- Textas/coloured pencils

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## Activity 1

### *Whole class*

Read the article and use the following questions to prompt a class discussion:

1. Does anyone know someone who lives in an assisted living facility?
2. Why might someone not be able to live in their home anymore?
3. What kind of support do you think elderly people might need?
4. What kinds of physical and social challenges do you think elderly people could face?
5. Why is it important to plan to look after the older people in our society?
6. What kinds of services/activities do you think an assisted living facility should provide? (Brainstorm ideas on whiteboard.)

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## Activity 2

### *Small groups*

Students design an original assisted living facility for 100 people. In their design, they need to include ideas about personal living spaces and social spaces. They need to note down programs and services that the facility provides, e.g. general store, hairdressers, doctors' services, etc. They also need to create notes on how their facility engages with the broader community.

Students create a 'map' using poster paper and drawing materials, creating a physical representation of their design. The map should be bright, colourful, clearly labelled and thoroughly annotated.

Students need to create a name and slogan for their establishment.

Students present their plans to the class and students can vote on which design they think would be the best and why.

